

AMENDMENT A
(37 C.F.R. 1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12, 19, 23, 31, 37 and 38 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

The claims are attached herein on separate sheets.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

1. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~During formation of a concrete wall, a~~ A device for supporting a weldment plate, which is used during formation of a poured concrete wall, the device comprising:

an elongate body portion having a length substantially equal to ~~the a~~ thickness of the concrete wall, which is contemplated to be poured, minus a dimension of the weldment plate extending in a direction of the thickness of the concrete wall;

a surface engaging portion for contacting a surface on which the concrete wall ~~is~~ will be poured and for supporting the weldment plate in a position appropriately spaced from that surface;

the length of said elongate body portion being adjustable;

said elongate body portion comprising two components which may be adjusted relative to each other to achieve the desired length;

said two components being threadably engaged and rotation of one component relative to a second component results in a change in the length of said elongate body portion; and

means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate, wherein the device is capable of maintaining the weldment plate in a desired position ~~as when~~ wet concrete is poured and sets up to form the concrete wall.

13. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 12, wherein said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate comprises an adhesive layer between said weldment plate and one of said components.

14. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 12, wherein said surface engaging portion comprises a section which tapers to a point to minimize surface treatment of the concrete wall needed to accommodate said device.

15 (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 12, wherein a material for said device is selected from a group consisting of plastic, metal and powdered metal.

16. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 12, wherein the weldment plate includes a plate member and projections extending from the plate member, said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate further comprising means for securing said device to a head portion of the weldment projection.

17. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 16, wherein the projections are Nelson studs welded to the nether side of the plate member and said means for securing said device to the head portion of the weldment projections comprising a plurality of fingers to capture the head portion of the Nelson stud securing said device thereto.

18. (Previously Added and Amended) The device according to Claim 17, wherein said plurality of fingers comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~During formation of a concrete wall, a~~ A device for supporting a weldment plate, which is used during formation of a poured concrete wall, said device comprising:

an elongate body portion having a length substantially equal to ~~the~~ a thickness of the concrete wall, which is contemplated to be poured, minus a dimension of the weldment plate extending in a direction of the thickness of the concrete wall;

a surface engaging portion for contacting a surface on which the concrete wall ~~is~~
will be poured and for supporting the weldment plate in a position appropriately spaced from
that surface;

the length of said elongate body portion being adjustable;

said elongate body portion comprising two components which may be adjusted
relative to each other to achieve the desired length; and

means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate, said means
for attaching comprising an adhesive layer between said weldment plate and one of said
components,

wherein the device is capable of maintaining the weldment plate in a desired
position ~~as when~~ wet concrete is poured and sets up to form the concrete wall.

20. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 19, wherein said two
components are threadably engaged and rotation of one component relative to a second
component results in a change in the length of said body portion.

21. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 19, wherein said surface
engaging portion comprises a section which tapers to a point to minimize surface treatment of the
concrete wall needed to accommodate said device.

22. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 19, wherein a material for
said device is selected from a group consisting of plastic, metal and powdered metal.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~During formation of a concrete wall, a~~ A device for
supporting a weldment plate, which is used during formation of a poured concrete wall, the
weldment plate having a plate member and projections extending from the plate member

with a head portion at each projection's end opposite the plate member, the weldment plate projections being Nelson studs welded to the nether side of the plate member, said device comprising:

an elongate body portion having a length substantially equal to ~~the a~~ thickness of the concrete wall, which is contemplated to be poured, minus a dimension of the weldment plate extending in a direction of the thickness of the concrete wall;

a surface engaging portion for contacting a surface on which the concrete wall ~~is~~ will be poured and for supporting the weldment plate in a position appropriately spaced from that surface;

means for attaching said elongate body portion to the head portion weldment plate;

~~the weldment plate comprising a plate member and projections extending from the plate member, said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate further comprising means for securing said device to a head portion of the weldment projection;~~ and

~~the projections being Nelson studs welded to the nether side of the plate member and~~ said means for securing said device to a ~~the~~ head portion of the weldment projection further comprising a plurality of fingers to capture the head portion of the Nelson stud securing said device thereto,

wherein the device is capable of maintaining the weldment plate in a desired position ~~as when~~ wet concrete is poured and sets up to form the concrete wall.

24. (Previously Added and Amended) The device according to Claim 23, wherein said plurality of fingers comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

25. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 24, wherein said length of said elongate body portion is adjustable.

26. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 25, wherein said length is adjustable by manually removing excess length.

27. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 25, wherein said elongate body portion comprises two components which may be adjusted relative to each other to achieve the desired length.

28. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 27, wherein said two components are threadably engaged and rotation of one component relative to a second component results in a change in the length of said elongate body portion.

29. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 23, wherein said surface engaging portion comprises a section which tapers to a point to minimize surface treatment of the concrete wall needed to accommodate said device.

30. (Previously Added) The device according to Claim 23, wherein a material for said device is selected from a group consisting of plastic, metal and powdered metal.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~During formation of a concrete wall, a~~ A device for supporting a weldment plate, which is used during formation of a poured concrete wall, said device comprising:

an elongate body portion having a length substantially equal to ~~the a~~ thickness of the concrete wall, which is contemplated to be poured, minus a dimension of the weldment plate extending in a direction of the thickness of the concrete wall;

said length of said elongate body portion being adjustable by manually removing excess length;

a surface engaging portion for contacting a surface on which the concrete wall ~~is~~ will be poured and for supporting the weldment plate in a position appropriately spaced from that surface; and

means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate,

wherein the device is capable of maintaining the weldment plate in a desired position ~~as when~~ wet concrete is poured and sets up to form the concrete wall.

32. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 31, wherein said surface engaging portion comprises a section which tapers to a point to minimize surface treatment of the concrete wall needed to accommodate said device.

33. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 31, wherein a material for said device is selected from a group consisting of plastic, metal and powdered metal.

34. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 31, wherein the weldment plate includes a plate member and projections extending from the plate member, said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate further comprising means for securing said device to a head portion of the weldment projection.

35. The device of Claim 34, wherein the projections are Nelson studs welded to the nether side of the plate member and said means for securing said device to the head portion of the weldment projections further comprising a plurality of fingers to capture the head portion of the Nelson stud securing said device thereto.

36. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 35, wherein said plurality comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

37. (Currently Amended) ~~During formation of a concrete wall, a~~ A device for supporting a weldment plate, which is used during formation of a poured concrete wall, said device comprising:

an elongate body portion having a length substantially equal to ~~the a~~ thickness of the concrete wall, which is contemplated to be poured, minus a dimension of the weldment plate extending in a direction of the thickness of the concrete wall, ~~the weldment plate including a plate member and projections extending from the plate member~~,

~~means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate; and~~
~~said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate~~
~~further including means for securing said device to a head portion of the weldment~~
~~projection; and~~

a surface engaging portion for contacting a surface on which the concrete wall ~~is~~ will be poured and for supporting the weldment plate in a position appropriately spaced from that surface,

wherein the device is capable of maintaining the weldment plate in a desired position ~~as when~~ wet concrete is poured and sets up to form the concrete wall.

38. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 37, wherein when the weldment plate further includes projections extending from the plate member with a head portion at each projection's end opposite the plate member, the projections ~~are being~~ Nelson studs welded to the nether side of the plate member, ~~and~~ said means for securing said device to the weldment plate further includes means for securing said device to the head portion of the weldment projections, and said means for securing said device to the head portion further comprises a plurality of fingers to capture the head portion of the Nelson stud securing said device thereto.

39. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 38, wherein said plurality comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

40. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 37, wherein said length of said elongate body portion is adjustable.

41. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 40, wherein said length is adjustable by manually removing excess length.

42. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 40, wherein said elongate body portion comprises two components which may be adjusted relative to each other to achieve the desired length.

43. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 42, wherein said two components are threadably engaged and rotation of one component relative to a second component results in a change in the length of said elongate body portion.

44. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 42, wherein said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate comprises an adhesive layer between said weldment plate and one of said components.

45. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 37, wherein said surface engaging portion comprises a section which tapers to a point to minimize surface treatment of the concrete wall needed to accommodate said device.

46. (Previously Added) The device of Claim 37, wherein a material for said device is selected from a group consisting of plastic, metal and powdered metal.